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**PATENT
(After Final)**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: *Li et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1637

Serial No.: 09/896,324

Examiner: Chunduru, Suryaprabha

Filed: June 29, 2001

Docket No.: 1392/18/7/2

Confirmation No: 8386

For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFICATION, SEPARATION AND QUANTITATIVE
MEASUREMENT OF NUCLEIC ACID FRAGMENTS

AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT F

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Official Action dated May 31, 2006, for which a shortened statutory period for reply expired on August 31, 2006. A Petition for a three-month extension of the response period up to and including November 30, 2006 is hereby requested. A check in the amount of \$1,150.00, covering the large entity extension fee is enclosed.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendment and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows: